

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 10-20, 54, 58-60, and 67 are pending in the present application. 1-8, 10-20, 54 and 58-60 have been cancelled herein. Claims 70 - 72 have been added herein and are fully supported in the detailed description. Claims 70 - 72 are further limitations to allowed Claim 67 and are, therefore, allowable. No new matter has been added to the specification.

Claim Objections

Claim 60 is objected to because of an informality. Claim 60 is cancelled herein and the formality is not addressed.

35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-3, 10 and 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,594,297 to Shen et al in view of U.S. Patent 5,894,188 to Chakvorty et al. Claims 1-3, 10 and 20 have been cancelled herein and rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 is not addressed.

Claims 4-8, have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,594,297 to Shen et al and U.S. Patent 5,894,188 to Chakvorty et al in view of U.S. Patent 6,320,138 to Kamiya et al. Claims 4-8 have been cancelled herein and rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 is not addressed.

Claims 11-17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,594,297 to Shen et al and U.S. Patent 5,894,188 to Chakvorty et al in view of U.S. Patent 6,265,822 to Kuroda et al. Claims 11-17 have been cancelled herein and rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 is not addressed.

Claims 18 and 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,594,297 to Shen et al and U.S. Patent 5,894,188 to Chakvorty et al in view of U.S. Patent 6,064,149 to Raina. Claims 18 and 19 have been cancelled herein and rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 is not addressed.

Claims 54, 58 and 60 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,064,149 to Raina in view of WO 98/43268 to Amey. Claims 54, 58 and 60 have been cancelled herein and rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 is not addressed.

Claim 59 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,064,149 to Raina and WO 98/43268 to Amey in further view of U.S. Patent 5,894,188 to Chakvorty et al. Claim 59 has been cancelled herein and rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 is not addressed.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-8, 10-20, 54 and 58-60 have been cancelled herein without prejudice. Claims 70-72 have been added herein.

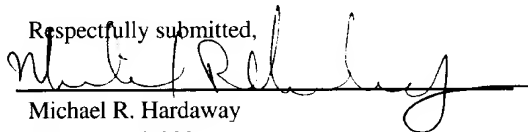
Applicants thank the Examiner for recognition of allowed Claim 67. New Claims 70-72 depend from and are further limitations to allowed Claim 67, thus are themselves allowable.

Applicants further respectfully point out that, as a result of the above amendments and cancellations, no contested Claims remain in the present Application.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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